

## **Captain's Report to the 2019 AGM**

Good evening Gentlemen..... and Mr Blundy. I'm pleased to welcome to you all to the EPIC Golfing Society 2019 AGM, held for the first time at Percy & Founders.

My Captain's really has flown, and I truly enjoyed the honour of being at the helm of this great Society. This is largely due to all the support from the members, plus all the usual banter that forms the backbone of being 'EPIC'.

My special thanks go to our Secretary, Neil Meixner, who without his tireless work none of this would happen..... Thanks Neil. We can't mention one without the so another huge thanks to our Treasurer, Nick Archer who continues to count the beans .... Thanks Nick

A final thanks to my mate, our President, Mr Ken Adams who first introduced me to the Society. Ken, I wish you all the best for your remaining tenure as President and hope that everyone continues to dig deep for your remarkable chosen charity, 'Rosie's Trust'.

Over recent years many societies have been struggling, but as testament to our great society 10 new members that have joined our ranks this year, 2 of them in their 20's so virtually children!!!!!!!!!!!! I'm therefore confident that with such positive ongoing support from the membership that we will continue to thrive.

Moving onto a brief summary of the year's events.

### **Moor Park 26<sup>th</sup> April – The Spring Cup**

My home course provided a fantastic opening venue for the season. The high course had undergone a 9-month refurbishment and we were extremely lucky to be the first society to test out all the challenges of the newly opened 18 holes.

John Biscoe won The Spring Cup, narrowly beating Steve Davis on count back. Well done John

### **Turnberry - The 2018 Tour**

16 of us made it over Hadrian's Wall and I can honestly say that this trip was 1 of the highlights of my golfing season, thanks mainly to such a great bunch of tourists..... and I still keep thinking of better answers for Mr Barker's after dinner games!!!!

Unfortunately, the weather was traditionally very Scottish. Although we do have the inclement weather to thank for one of the funniest sights, ever seen on a golf course, Mr Blundy's seal impression. The subsequent light-hearted banter at the half way 'Lighthouse' resulted in Neil dispatching the ranger on an emergency 2-mile round trip to the pro shop for a pair of 'Extra Short' waterproof trousers and new socks ....

After 3 wonderful days I'm pleased to announce that the Captains team came out as resounding winners (10.5 to 4.5). Special thanks go to Mr Trump for his amazing foresight, by closing the Hotel Bar at 1pm, as I'm sure that my team would have continued heading into the sun and potentially throwing away a very healthy lead .....

The coveted Green Jacket and Claret Jug was won by Jason Wood. Unfortunately, the Jacket was not quite a snug fit on its new owner as it was on last year's winner. Well done Jase and don't forget to blow the dust off before this years' tour!!!

### **Ashridge 4<sup>th</sup> July - The Finlinson Cup**

The turnout for our Flagship event was a little below par this year. However, Ashridge served up it' usual dependable mix of great golf and food. I therefore urge you all to get this year's date firmly in the diary, so that we all continue to enjoy this little gem.

Martyn Rowlands won with a magnificent 43 points, with a hole in one thrown in for good measure. Great golf Martyn!!!!

### **Moor Park 20<sup>th</sup> July – BAGS Match**

Despite handpicking our finest 12, we were unfortunately soundly thrashed by the Old Foe.

Enough said, and it's obviously back to the drawing board this year Mr Blundy.

### **Walton Heath 12<sup>th</sup> September - The Captain's Cup**

The poor weather did not deter what was a fantastic day and in fact our largest field of the year (47). Hopefully we can play the occasional blue-chip course over coming years which will continue to draw in the numbers.

David Jenkins won the Captains Cup with 34 points.

A small mention to my Guest and playing partner Jeff Lewis (No relation!!!) comfortably who won the guest prize. Jeff enjoyed the day so much that he joined the society, so welcome Jeff.

### **Sandy Lodge 18<sup>th</sup> October - The Autumn Cup**

Fantastic weather, fantastic day, although we struggled with numbers again (18), which is surprising for such a great venue. Your committee has therefore decided to bring this event forward by 1 month this year, so please all get this into your 2019 diaries as it really is a great track

Joel Evans, one of our new 'young bloods' won with 34 points. Well done Joel and I hope that you enjoy many happy years in the Society.

### **East Herts 8<sup>th</sup> November - The Presidents Cup**

Following a very brief cup of coffee my playing partner 'Gavalar' and I rushed out onto the first Tee. This maybe a first in the society's history as El Seco's exceptional organisational skills momentarily deserted him, when he realised that the start times were 30 Minutes earlier than published. He is human!!!

Despite the sprint start and searching for several my golf balls, Gavin Tuck won the Presidents Cup with 34 points. Well done Gav.

### **West Herts 28<sup>th</sup> December - Recessional Bowl (Family & Friends)**

This was the first time that I played in this event as I am a firm believer in the Golfing 10-degree rule. However, the weather was kind and the turnout great (31 Players).

I had a fantastic day with my 15-year-old son Harvey as a playing partner and despite his continual barracking 'I thought you were good at this game Dad', I managed 35 points. Special thanks to Joel who beat me on countback ensuring that I retain my full shot allowance for the coming season.....

The day was finally won day by Neil Mexiner with 38 Points. In another amazing gesture of his ongoing commitment to the society he has agreed to be cut a further 2 shots for the 2019 season to give the rest of us chance..... Well done Neil!!!

Gents it has been an absolute pleasure and a privilege being your Captain this year, but unfortunately my time is up. So, without any further ado I welcome your new Captain Mr. Neil Blundy and please all join me in wishing him the very best for the forthcoming year..... Neil

El Capo (Past)